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SEMI-ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT REVIEW – WESTLANDS COALITION

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Staff has reviewed the Semi-Annual Monitoring Report (SAMR) for the Westlands Coalition (Coalition). This SAMR was submitted by the Coalition to meet the conditions of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order No. R5-2005-0833, and the Westlands MRP Plan.

The attached SAMR review memorandum summarizes the Coalition SAMR, and also notes that the Coalition fulfilled the required monitoring and reporting components. The review also notes that there have also been exceedances of electrical conductivity (EC) at the Panoche Silver-Creek monitoring site during the 2006 and the 2007 storm seasons. Board Order R5-2006-0053 requires that the Coalition Group submit a Management Plan to the Central Valley Water Board if more than two exceedances occur within a three year period. Based on the exceedances, by **3 March 2008**, please submit a schedule that will outline the Coalition's approach to develop a Management Plan for Panoche Silver-Creek watershed to address EC exceedances. The schedule should be submitted to Margie Read, Chief of the Monitoring and Assessment Unit at the Regional Board Office in Rancho Cordova.

I want to remind you that on 25 January 2008, the Central Valley Water Board adopted the new Coalition Group Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), which identifies the submittal deadline for the Coalitions MRP Plan. Staff has recently contacted Orvil McKinnis regarding the fact that Coalition oversight will now be handled out of the Regional Board office in Fresno. Please contact Alan Cregan at (559)445-6185, or acregan@waterboards.ca.gov, regarding the MRP Plan development.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter or the details in the attached SAMR review memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact Margie Read at mread@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Staff Review of Semi-Annual Monitoring Report
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